

Government halts business with Uniroyal for job bias

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under prodding from 521 women workers who said they were discriminated against, the government announced Friday it will no longer do business with Uniroyal Inc. until it complies with equal opportunity laws.

The case is the largest of its kind in which a company was declared ineligible for future government business on the grounds of sexual or racial discrimination, the Labor Department said. The government currently has \$36 million worth of contracts with Uniroyal.

Thomas Ewald, a lawyer who represents the workers, said Uniroyal would have to give its female employees back pay and convince the Labor Department it has eliminated discrimination in its plants to become eligible for future business.

Ewald estimated the women have lost \$18 million in back pay.